

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11-0019R

RESOLUTION SETTING TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city council finds as follows:

(a) The city administration and council wish to establish a clear set of priorities with respect to legislative priorities which the city supports in the 2011 legislative session;

(b) The city administration and council have devoted meeting time and discussion to the city legislative priorities;

(c) The city administration and council choose to express support for the top legislative priorities that are of vital interest to the community;

(d) The city administration and council have established priorities among legislative issues designating certain items as the city's top priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city staff and elected officials will take the lead role in advancing the following legislative initiatives as top city priorities for the 2011 legislative session.

(a) The city supports maintenance of state funding for local government aid, with special attention to mitigating reductions during the current economic downturn which has already forced cities to make dramatic budget reductions;

(b) The city supports an allocation of bonding funds to the following state-wide funds:

(1) The public facilities authority drinking and wastewater infrastructure programs;

(2) The Minnesota department of transportation's port development assistance program;

(3) The Minnesota housing finance agency's public housing rehabilitation program;

(4) The Minnesota department of transportation's state airports fund;

(c) The city requests support for the Duluth jobs agenda, which includes advocacy for equity investment by the State Board of Investment into Minnesota companies, restoring our community's ability to grant variances to the pre-Kurmmenacher v. Minnetonka standard, supporting the 148th Active Association, restoring the functionality of Tax Increment Financing as an economic development tool, and supporting economic development projects in northeastern Minnesota.

Approved for presentation to council:



Chief Administrative Officer

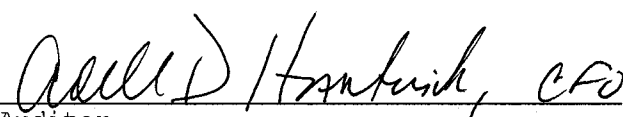
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Attorney

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Approved:



Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution sets top legislative priorities for the year 2011.